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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *pb*

FROM : A. Rosen *10/57*

SUBJECT: \* ACQUISITION OF STARDUST HOTEL  
\* LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, BY  
HOWARD HUGHES *NIJ*  
ANTITRUST

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 17, 1968

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This is to advise that during the course of a discussion of another antitrust matter, on 5/17/68 Antitrust Attorney William E. Swope, Office of Director of Operations, Antitrust Division, advised SA [REDACTED] Antitrust Desk, that the Antitrust Division is presently considering possible antitrust aspects of the recent acquisition of the Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, by multimillionaire Howard Hughes. According to Swope, the purchase of the Stardust Hotel will give Hughes control of six Las Vegas hotels and about 36 per cent of the gambling revenue in Las Vegas. *TC Y b7c*

Swope said the Antitrust Division is presently evaluating this situation as a possible tendency to monopoly with a view to determining whether the Government should institute court action to block the acquisition of the Stardust as a possible violation of the Clayton Antitrust Act. Swope stated the matter is being considered solely on its anticompetitive merits, revealed by public source material and no investigation by the FBI is contemplated. *WAM*

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# Antitrust Issue Spreads Widely

## Courts and Agencies Weigh Guidelines

By LYLE DENNISTON  
Star Business Writer

All four sides of official Washington—the administration, Congress, the Supreme Court, and regulatory agencies—combined to make yesterday a big day for antitrust.

The day's developments were widely varied and produced promises of future action as well as immediate results. The day led to these conclusions:

**Railroads** that want to merge found that they have less worry that their plans will run afoul of the antitrust laws.

**Banks** that have merged or want to merge had more reason to think that their antitrust problems will persist until at least next year.

**Stock exchanges** had new reason to believe that Washington might help protect them from antitrust challenges, if they in return would accept more federal supervision.

### New Certainty

**Manufacturers** who sell goods through "franchised" retailers could look forward to some certainty after years of doubt about their antitrust status.

**Grocers and others** operating in so-called "small business" industries—where outlets are numerous and ownership scattered—faced a new legal threat to their freedom to merge.

**Manufacturers** whose goods are sold under their own "brand names" as well as under supermarket or department store "private labels" experienced less doubt about their pricing policies.

**Howard Hughes**, publicity-shy West Coast tycoon, learned that his past antitrust troubles will complicate further his attempt to take control of Trans World Airlines.

**And, finally**, Aluminum Co. of America had to accept the loss of a California facility while Wham Watch Co. had to accept the loss of some of its marketing slogans.

### Coincidence Day

It was coincidence only that caused so many developments in a single day.

The administration was involved only because a calendar deadline had arrived. The congressional event was but one episode in a series. The Supreme Court acted simply because it is back in session. And the regulatory agencies got involved largely because of the actions of someone else.

Here were the specifics:

**ON RAILROADS.** The Johnson Administration, reacting for the first time publicly to a key court ruling on rail mergers, argued that the courts should not judge these mergers by the same standards used in judging business combinations in general.

This advice could reduce substantially the threat that federal antitrust law will interfere with the spreading merger movement in the rail industry.

The administration's viewpoint, stated in a brief filed yesterday in the Supreme Court, appeared to be a softening of the official attitude. Earlier, federal aides had repeatedly insisted that antitrust standards were of prime importance in measuring the legality of rail mergers.

A lower court in Florida—apparently siding with that earlier view—ruled last summer that the Interstate Commerce Commission was wrong when it approved merging of the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line railroads without testing the merger according to specific "criteria."

Both railroads and the ICC have appealed that ruling to the Supreme Court. Yesterday was the last day for filing the government's view of the case. The Justice Department specifically suggested that the high court send the case back to the lower tribunal for "a fresh review."

The new government position would have an important bearing on the merger hopes of two big Eastern systems—the Norfolk & Western and the Chesapeake & Ohio railways. That proposal—which, incidentally, was formally filed at the ICC yesterday—has seemed doubtful to some observers because of its possible anti-trust implications.

**ON BANKS.** The House Banking Committee, deliberating for weeks over a proposal to give bank mergers some immunity from antitrust prosecution, failed again yesterday to agree on the terms of such a proposal. Some committee members had expected the panel to

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complete its work yesterday. But intramural wrangling occupied most of a public bill-drafting session. The members quit for the day even without agreeing to meet again. This increased the possibility that Congress will adjourn before new legislation is adopted.

**ON STOCK EXCHANGES.** The Securities and Exchange Commission made public a letter from its chairman, Manuel F. Cohen, outlining his views on the need for new antitrust immunity for stock-trading markets in return for new powers for the SEC.

His letter, to Congress' two top antitrust draftsmen, Sen. Philip Hart, D-Mich., and Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N. Y., was made public by the SEC after its contents had been leaked to the press.

Cohen said an earlier statement of his ideas on the question had misinterpreted the amount of immunity he thought necessary. Exchanges should still have to answer to the antitrust laws on some of their actions, he said in the new letter. However, he repeated that exchange operations that are subjected to existing or newly imposed SEC regulation should be immunized.

#### ON FRANCHISE SELLING.

The Supreme Court agreed to review low court decisions in government antitrust challenges to the franchise operations of Brown Shoe Co. and Sealy, Inc., the mattress maker.

The Brown Shoe case tests restrictions that manufacturers put on retailers' freedom to handle other makes of shoes. The Sealy case tests the manufacturer's assignment of exclusive sales territories to its retailers.

Franchise selling has been subjected to increasing antitrust attack in recent years. The Supreme Court is only now moving to lay down guidelines.

**"Small business" mergers.** The Supreme Court agreed to consider a government antitrust complaint against the merger of Von's Grocery Co. and Shopping Bag Food Stores, grocers in the Los Angeles area. This is considered a test case on retailing mergers in general.

**"Brand name" pricing.** The Supreme Court promised a decision on the lawfulness of a two-price system used by Borden Co. It charges a higher price for goods carrying the Borden name, a lower price for the same goods when marketed under private labels. The Federal Trade Commission charged that this is price discrimination.

**Howard Hughes.** The Supreme Court refused to review a lower court decision that will compel Hughes' lawyers to go through a full-scale hearing on move to retake control of TWA. One reason that a full-scale hearing is necessary, the lower court said, is that Hughes has been found guilty on anti-trust violations and this may affect his standing as an applicant for control of the line.

Alcoa and Waltham's cases, refused review by the Supreme Court, raised no major antitrust policy issues but rather sought to overcome adverse lower court decisions.

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WASHINGTON (UPI)-- REPRESENTATIVES OF MULTIMILLIONAIRE HOWARD HUGHES AND THE AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANIES INC. MET WITH THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TUESDAY TO DISCUSS HIS PROPOSED BID FOR CONTROL OF THE NETWORK.

HUGHES, ACTING THROUGH HIS HUGHES TOOL CO., MONDAY OFFERED TO PURCHASE 43 PER CENT OF THE ~~ABC~~ COMMON STOCK FOR \$74.25 A SHARE, \$15.87 MORE THAN ITS CLOSING PRICE FRIDAY. THE STOCK IMMEDIATELY WENT UP MORE THAN \$11.

ABC MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCED EARLY TUESDAY IT WOULD FILE SUIT TO BLOCK THE TENDER OFFER FOR TWO MILLION SHARES OF ITS STOCK. NETWORK PRESIDENT HARRY H. GOLDENSON SAID HIS MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTORS THOUGHT THE OFFER WAS SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THE INTRINSIC ASSET VALUE OF THE STOCK AND OVERLOOKED THE COMPANY'S GROWTH PROSPECTS.

THE MEETING WITH THE COMMISSION WAS AT THE REQUEST OF HUGHES, ABC, AND LOBE, RHODES AND COMPANY, THE DEALER-MANAGER FOR THE TENDER OFFER.

A BRIEF FCC STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THE 45-MINUTE MEETING SAID IT HAD AFFORDED THE REPRESENTATIVES "AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION ON THE TENDER OFFER MADE BY HUGHES TOOL CO."

NO RULINGS WERE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION NOR WAS ANY INDICATION MADE "OF ANY FUTURE COMMISSION ACTION ON THIS MATTER." THE STATEMENT SAID. "THE MATTER IS LEFT FOR FURTHER REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION."

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THE FCC HAD AUTHORITY TO APPROVE TRANSFERS OF CONTROL OF OWNERSHIP OF ABC OR ANY BROADCASTING OUTLET. IT ALSO HAS A RULE PREVENTING ANY ONE PERSON OR COMPANY FROM OWNING MORE THAN FIVE VERY HIGH FREQUENCY STATIONS (VHF) AND TWO ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY (VHF) STATIONS.

ABC CURRENTLY OWNS FIVE VHF STATIONS. HUGHES JUST BOUGHT ONE RECENTLY, KLAS-TV, IN LAS VEGAS, NEV. HE WOULD HAVE TO DIVEST HIMSELF OF ONE VHF STATION IF THE ABC DEAL WERE CONSUMATED.

THE FCC HAS IN THE PAST COMMENTED ON ABC'S NEED FOR NEW CAPITAL. IT TWICE APPROVED A MERGER OF THE NETWORK WITH INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

BUT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPEALED THE FCC DECISION TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS HERE AND THE MERGER PLAN WAS ABANDONED BY BOTH PARTIES.

THOUGH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT NEVER COMMENTS ON ANTITRUST INVESTIGATIONS, IT WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE ACQUISITION PROPOSED BY HUGHES.

IT ALREADY WAS INVESTIGATED HIS ACQUISITION OF FIVE HOTELS AND GAMBLING CASINOS IN NEVADA AND WAS READY TO FILE AN ANTITRUST SUIT AGAINST HIM JUNE 27 WHEN HE DROPPED PLANS AT THE LAST MINUTE TO CLOSE A \$30.5 MILLION DEAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF HIS SIXTH LAS VEGAS CASINO.

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Veterans Day 1972

Jerry Wilson, Chief  
Metropolitan Police  
Washington, D.C.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Chief Wilson:

The so-called Watergate Caper (burglary or criminal trespass political conspiracy or amateur slob-job) has to be the most u able brouhaha in Washington's election-time history.

No screwy or incredible explanation is too far out to be totally rejected. A D.C. attorney friend has relayed two preposterous scenarios which are going the rounds of club bars in Washington:

(a) Howard Hughes <sup>No Lee</sup> was so scared McGovern might win that he hired ex-CIA agents and Hollywood writers (and movie "electronic" props) to produce a spy-plot that Larry O'Brien could fan up to white heat which HH would then expose as a boomeranging rhubarb.

(b) The "Committee to Re-Elect Nixon" suspected during the primary that McGovern was a stalking-horse for a Kennedy draft, and bribed so expendable ex-intelligence types to spy out the stratagem. When detected that McGovern would be nominated - which they feared would turn the campaign into a one-sided farce - the Committee blew the covers and framed the Watergate arrests to give McGovern a scandal that he could drum-beat until November, when the whole pot would be exploded leaving a bad odor.

Seriously, Chief Wilson - and this is the reason for writing to you - the role of your Department seems to have been minimized or, in fact, practically unreported by the news media. It is quite likely that you know the "real" story and for reasons of public safety have been asked by the F.B.I. to defer testimony until the trial.

On that hypothesis, what, readers will ask, could such reasons possibly be? Pending advice from you, I could only imagine that the CIA, via the National Security Council, asked for a "domestic" news sensation to divert attention from a June crisis in the Mid-East (which the Administration was later able to defuse).

What a pity that the image of the old "Watergate" amphitheatre on the Potomac just North of the Lincoln Memorial (where we sat on summer evenings during the Depression listening to concerts played under the river-floated procenium) should have been degraded by a high-rise complex for lobbying, bugging and other picaresque shenanigans.

Yours sincerely,

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Three female subjects, on 7-21-67, were sentenced following plea of guilty in Federal Court, Cleveland, and each received probationary sentence, ranging from 1 to 2½ years.

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Cleveland informants had advised that a gambling operation, known as the Kinsman Social Club, Route 30, Bainbridge Township, Geauga County, was operating a large scale crap game. BRANCATO and JOHN BLANK were reported to have an interest in this operation. This information was disseminated to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer". On 3/6/68, the Cleveland

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"Plain Dealer" ran an extensive article, identifying holders of auto license plates observed on cars parked at this location together with a photograph of the building. JOHN BLANK's previous connection with a gambling operation at the Ohio District 21st Veterans and Auxiliary Club, North Randall, Ohio, which closed down after newspaper publicity, was pointed out. As a result of the above publicity, informants have advised that the Kinsman Social Club has closed down its operation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-9-33)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (92-50)

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## FILE DESCRIPTION

**SUBJECT** Howard Robard Hughes

**FILE NO.** 62-9-65-800,801,802,819,834.

Las Vegas, Nevada  
July 20, 1967

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Wick	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM*

I wrote to you yesterday afternoon but did not have  
in my possession at that time the following information.

*CONFIDENTIAL*  
[REDACTED]  
informed that the men handling the business operation for Howard  
Hughes [REDACTED] signed the papers buying the Sands Hotel.

As you know, the Sands Hotel is the one that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] et al, have been involved  
with and is a plush major "Strip" hotel.

[REDACTED] the Frontier Hotel [REDACTED]  
will probably be the next one bought by Hughes. The Frontier  
Hotel is slated to open next week and is really a beautiful  
hotel. The Frontier is located almost directly across the  
street from the Desert Inn Hotel where Howard Hughes resides.  
I think just the fact that he can look out at it and know he  
doesn't own it bothers him.

[REDACTED] Hughes had bought Alamo  
Airways which is a private air service adjacent to the Las Vegas  
airport. It includes hangar, storage and service facilities for  
private planes.

[REDACTED]  
It now appears that between Howard Hughes and  
the Del Webb interests they will control the majority of  
gambling in Las Vegas.

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I wanted you to have this information, and I'll keep you informed of further developments.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,



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Las Vegas, Nevada  
September 8, 1967

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Things continue to be hectic in Las Vegas but I  
suppose it would not be Las Vegas if it were not that way.

*Criminal Intelligence Program*

Our ~~cover~~ all situation here in Las Vegas is constantly  
changing, especially with the Howard Hughes money and activity  
in the city. As you know, Hughes has bought the Sands Hotel

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On [REDACTED] I had a long talk with [REDACTED] 47-10

*Calif* *Nev Calif*  
Prior to telling you of his conversation I would first have to tell you that Frank Sinatra is presently performing at the Sands Hotel. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b7c/D

For the past three summers rumors have been prevalent and also we have had some informants tell us that during the summer months the Cal-Neva Lodge has been stealing the customers blind. [REDACTED] but I am sure there must be an under-the-table agreement on this deal for this is the way this group operates. b7c/D

*Nev.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The amazing thing to me in Las Vegas since Howard Hughes has bought the Desert Inn and Sands Hotel is the fact that as far as the Desert Inn is concerned there are less people in the casino gambling than there have ever been

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*Nev*

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We have moved into the new Federal Building and our new space is excellent. I feel we have a much better organized and operational office now than we had in our previous building. It is going to take some time to get everything straightened out as moves always do, but our new quarters are dignified and attractive. I hope some day you have an opportunity to see our new quarters in Las Vegas.

I hope that you are continuing in good health and that other aspects of the Bureau's work are going well. Please give my regards to Mr. Tolson and I hope that he, too, is in top shape.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

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BENNIE GOFFSTEIN

GOFFSTEIN, who is president of the Four Queens Hotel in Las Vegas, died at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas, on 8/16/67. Funeral services were held in Las Vegas on 8/17/67, with burial services in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

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OO: Las Vegas

An article appeared in the "Las Vegas Sun" newspaper of 9/9/67, which reflects that ground breaking for the Las Vegas International Hotel, an \$80,000,000 complex, is scheduled for November, 1967, according to KIRK KERRORIAN, the Hotel's developer and owner of the 63 acres upon which the hotel will be built.

The hotel will be located next to the Las Vegas Convention Center on Paradise Road and adjacent to the recently completed 18-hole International Golf Course.

This hotel is scheduled for completion by 5/1/69, with 1,500 rooms at an estimated cost of \$50,000,000. This will be followed by a second phase of construction that will bring the total to 3,000 rooms and add another \$30,000,000 to the overall cost.

The complex will be punctuated by four high rise structures, the main one of thirty stories rising out of a ground level building that sprawls under a single three-and-a-half acre roof.

Over the ground level first floor will be the principal recreation area which includes a 350,000 gallon swimming pool, tennis courts, a 6-hole putting course, picnic area, handball and squash courts.

Five great dining rooms are planned, including the main showroom which will seat 11,200 for dinner and 2,000 for the midnight show.

It is estimated that 2,200 employees will be required to operate the initial phase of the hotel, increasing to as many as 5,000 when the hotel is completed.

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It is noted that KIRK KORKORIAN recently purchased the Flamingo Hotel in July, 1967, and is presently operating it.

HAROLD'S CLUB

NEVADA

An article appeared in the "Reno Evening Gazette" on 8/30/67, which reflects that Harold's Club announced plans to build a hotel tower possibly thirty stories, in the future. The hotel, cost of which has not yet been determined, will include a major casino and a showroom. The number of the rooms has not been determined yet, but HAROLD SMITH, JR. announced that the hotel plans a facility large enough to house conventions and future anticipated business.

HARRAH'S CLUB

NEVADA

An article appeared in the "Reno Evening Gazette" of 8/30/67, which reflects that WILLIAM HARRAH of Harrah's Club in Reno has announced plans for the construction of a twenty-five story hotel tentatively scheduled to be started in December, 1969. Initial planning was to construct a hotel at Lake Tahoe adjacent to Harrah's, Tahoe casino, but the plans were changed and the hotel will now be constructed in downtown Reno.

NEVADA GAMBLING INDUSTRY

AR

OO: Las Vegas

NEVADA

An article appeared in the "Reno Evening Gazette" of 8/28/67, which reflects that HOWARD HUGHES, who recently purchased the Desert Inn and Sands Hotels, is introducing computerized "cheat proof" control of gambling. The article reflects that work is underway on computerizing gaming at the Desert Inn and will be carried out later at the Sands Hotel.

An article appeared in the "Las Vegas Review Journal" of 8/31/67, which reflects that Nevada gambling casinos reported 82.4 million dollars in gross winnings for the first three months of this year, up 7.5 per cent over the same calendar quarter last year.

Clark (Las Vegas) and Washoe (Reno), two of the three big gambling counties, reported increases of 9.7 and 7.9 per cent over last year, while Douglas County (South Lake Tahoe), dropped off 2.2 per cent.

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The Nevada Gaming Commission , which reported the winnings, said it collected 5.8 million dollars on the basis of gross revenue taxes, casino entertainment tax, table taxes, slot machine fees, penalties and investigations.

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] expects to remain in Las Vegas for the next several days in connection with the negotiations for the sale of the Stardust Hotel to HOWARD HUGHES. *b7C, b7D*

An article appeared in the Las Vegas Sun newspaper of 2/9/68 which reflects that ELI BOYER, a Los Angeles accountant, pled guilty to an income tax evasion conspiracy involving Strip hotel owner MORRIS BARNEY DALITZ. *Calif*  
*NeV*

U. S. District Judge ROGER FOLEY fined BOYER \$1,000. Both BOYER and DALITZ were scheduled to go on trial on 2/12/68 but following BOYER's plea of guilty, the court delayed the DALITZ trial indefinitely.

An article appeared in the Nevada State Journal newspaper of 3/9/68 which reflects that the U. S. District Court in Las Vegas dismissed two tax charges against DALITZ at the request of the U. S. Attorney's Office.

LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL  
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An article appeared in the Las Vegas Review Journal newspaper of 2/11/68 which reflected that ground breaking ceremonies were held on the hotel property on Paradise Valley Road on 2/9/68. At the invitational affair, a cocktail reception was held in a huge party tent and assisting in the dedication were U.S. Senators ALAN BIBLE and HOWARD CANNON.

Construction began Saturday, 2/10/68 on the \$80,000,000 Las Vegas International which is to be a 3,000 room resort complex destined to be one of the world's largest resort hotels. It is expected to be completed in mid 1969. *Nevada*  
*File*  
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EDWARD LEVINSON  
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An article appeared in the Las Vegas Review Journal newspaper of 2/28/68 which reflects that EDWARD LEVINSON has completed his retirement from the Las Vegas scene ending his career which spans nearly two decades. In an announcement



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on February 27, 1968, the Parvin- Dourman Corporation of Los Angeles said that LEVINSON has sold all of his stock in the corporation. LEVINSON had previously terminated his job as head of the Fremont Hotel Corporation under the Parvin-Dourman Corporation.

LEVINSON, who was 70 years old 3/2/68, ran the Fremont Hotel since its opening in 1956. Before the Fremont, he had been an investor in the Sands and Flamingo Hotels. He came to Las Vegas in 1951 from Miami Beach, Florida.

HYMAN ABRAMS

An article appeared in the Las Vegas Sun newspaper of 2/2/68 which reflected that F. LEE BAILEY, famed criminal attorney from Boston, made his debut in Clark County on 2/1/68 in a divorce case involving a former owner of the Sands Hotel.

HYMAN ABRAMS, a former 9% stockholder in the Sands Hotel, sued his wife for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty.

BAILEY, in a press interview, said he agreed to take on the divorce case because Mrs. ABRAMS "is a long time dear friend from Boston and I want to see that her rights are protected." During the divorce hearing, BAILEY attempted to bring up the subject of possible skimming and the importance of "counters" to hotel management, a role sometimes engaged in by ABRAMS, but the line of questioning was ruled out of order.

BAILEY was also ruled out of order when he attempted to bring up the subject of ABRAMS' Florida associates in general and MEYER LANSKY in particular.

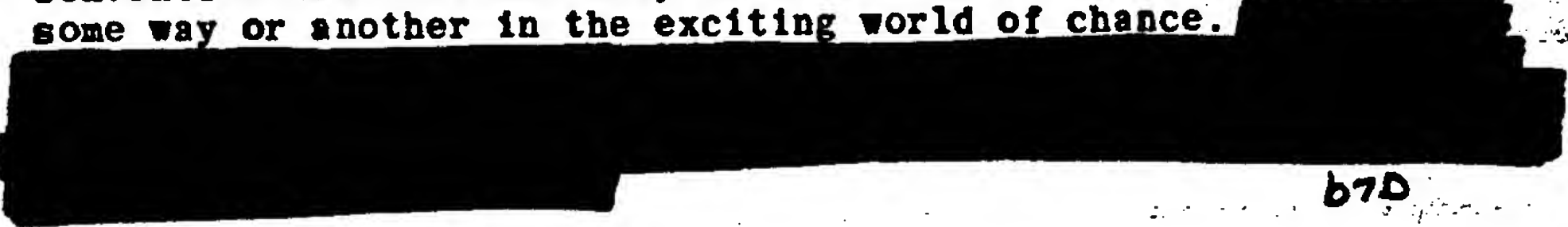
An article appeared in the Las Vegas Sun newspaper on 2/4/68 which reflected that ELIZABETH ABRAMS, a Boston and Miami socialite, was granted a divorce from former Las Vegas gambler HYMAN ABRAMS and got a \$462,000 cash settlement.

Evidence was heard in the contested divorce for 1 1/2 days and the attorneys arrived at a settlement during a court recess. HYMAN was ordered to pay the \$462,000 by 2/7/68. No alimony and no attorneys' fees were granted by the court.

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NEVADA GAMBLING INDUSTRY  
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The Las Vegas Sun newspaper on 2/28/68 contained an article concerning the first annual convention of the Gaming Fraternity held at the Holiday Hotel in Reno, Nevada. The convention was confined only to those who had gained fame in some way or another in the exciting world of chance.



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HOLIDAY HOTEL  
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(OO: Las Vegas)

An article appeared in the "Las Vegas Review-Journal" newspaper of 9/27/68, which reflected that the State Gaming Control Board had filed a complaint with the Nevada Gaming Commission which reflected that JACK STRAUS, JR. of San Antonio, Texas, had owned four per cent of the gambling operation of the Holiday Hotel, but had never been issued a license by the Gaming Commission.

The Gaming Control Board asked the Commission "for such relief as may be just and proper." The Gaming Commission could fine the Holiday Hotel owners of record or suspend or revoke their gambling license.

NEW PIONEER CLUB  
AR  
(OO: Las Vegas)

NORBERT W. JANSEN, President of the New Pioneer Hotel and former licensee in the New Pioneer Casino, on 9/23/68 in Los Angeles, California, was fined \$2,500.00 for failure to pay \$13,800.00 in personal income tax. He had entered a plea of guilty on 6/18/68, following an indictment by the FGJ on several counts of tax evasion. JANSEN was ordered to spend thirty days in the County Jail in Los Angeles, and was given four years probation.

JANSEN's co-defendant was WENDALL D. TINGLEY, former Manager of the New Pioneer Casino pled nolo contendere on 4/1/68. TINGLEY was fined \$2,500.00, sentenced to thirty days in the County Jail, and given a three-year suspended sentence.

ALADDIN HOTEL  
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(OO: Las Vegas)

An article appeared in the "Las Vegas Sun" newspaper of 9/27/68, which reflected that stockholders of the Parvin-Dohrmann Corporation of Beverly Hills, California, had approved the immediate acquisition of the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas.



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According to the plan approved by the stockholders, Parvin-Dohrmann Corporation, also owners of the Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas, will exchange 70,125 shares of its common stock for all of the issued and outstanding stock of the Aladdin Hotel Corporation.

The Aladdin Hotel covers 35 acres on the Las Vegas Strip. It has 305 rooms and 32 bungalow villas. The hotel also has a nine-hole golf course and four swimming pools. The casino operates 27 table games and 350 slot machines.

NEVADA GAMBLING INDUSTRY

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(OO: Las Vegas)

On 9/23/68, District Judge HOWARD BABCOCK ruled that spying on casino gamblers through a "eye in the sky" was not an unconstitutional invasion of their privacy.

The Judge made his ruling in a matter involving several persons accused of plotting to cheat HOWARD HUGHES, Frontier Hotel, in a card switching scheme on 3/11/68.

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The "eye in the sky" referred to above is a one-way mirror installed in most casinos directly above the gambling area through which employees of the casino can observe the action taking place in the casino.

Governor PAUL LAXALT, State of Nevada, on 9/24/68, appointed JOHN W. DIEHL, an attorney residing in Fallon, Nevada, to the post as Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission. DIEHL replaces Las Vegas attorney GEORGE DICKERSON, who recently resigned that post.

An article appeared in the "Reno Evening Gazette" of 9/26/68, which reflected that major casino officials of Nevada appeared unruffled following a California Appeals Court ruling that a Nevada casino has no legal recourse to collect checks accepted from California patrons.

A Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento handed down a unanimous decision that a California resident did not have to make good five checks totaling \$1,900.00, which were cashed in a Nevada casino and returned unpaid.



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District Attorney GEORGE FRANKLIN of Las Vegas has recently called for a change in Clark County laws to prohibit casino ownership by public corporations.

FRANKLIN says there is no great control problem when gambling licenses are issued to closed corporations because each stockholder was individually investigated and approved.

FRANKLIN has stated that the state gaming regulations which allow a corporate licensee to sell up to five per cent of its stock to individuals without specific license approval are inherently dangerous to the control of legalized gambling in Nevada.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# Wire-Tapping Tangles McGrath

By Drew Pearson  
 Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, with a good record for straight-shooting, has got himself betwixt and between in the Senator Brewster wire-tapping scandal.



Here is what he faces:  
 On one side, McGrath was elected to the Senate when he exposed, heralded, and campaigned against the Governor Vanderbilt wire-tapping scandal. The Republican Governor of Rhode Island had tapped the wires of Rhode Island's attorney general and the mayor of Pawtucket, using the same wire-tapper, Frank Bielaski, who later aided the now-famous Amerasia magazine.  
 McGrath rightly condemned wire-tapping as methods of a Soviet police state and got elected to the Senate.

More recently he has defended the Justice Department for not prosecuting the Amerasia case because the evidence was obtained by illegal wire-tapping and illegal search.

On the other side, McGrath finds that a friend and former Senate colleague was chairman of the committee that arranged for tapping the telephone of Howard Hughes, head of Trans-World Airline, at a time when that Senator Brewster of Maine was busy at a bird doing favors for a rival company, Pan-American World Airways.

Furthermore, a Washington police lieutenant was used to tap Hughes' wires, together with three other Washington cops, exactly duplicating Soviet police-state methods.

In the Senate friends are friends, regardless of politics, and kindly former Senator McGrath doesn't like to prosecute an old colleague.

## Report Gathered Dust

The amazing thing is that the Justice Department had an official report on these police-state methods from Major Robert Harbo, head of the Washington police, who did not condone them and who made an official investigation but found them and McGrath.

Lieut. Joe Shimon, had eavesdropped on the Argentine ambassador and Nina Lunn, granddaughter of ex-Senator Wallace White of Maine, during a divorce scandal. This led to the further information that Shimon was also eavesdropping for Senator Brewster's committee, and a report was filed with the Justice Department.

But the Justice Department, though condemning wire-tapping in the Amerasia case, proceeded to do nothing about wire-tapping in the Howard Hughes-Brewster case. Apparently the boys didn't want to tangle with a high-ranking Republican Senator.

In fairness to Attorney General McGrath, it should be noted that he knew nothing of the report until one week ago. The boys below didn't tell him about it.

But when he learned the facts, McGrath, the Attorney General, did not act like McGrath, the senatorial candidate in Rhode Island, or like McGrath, the critic of Amerasia wire-tapping.

Instead he called on Senator Mark G. Lee of West Virginia, chairman of the District of Columbia Committee and who has jurisdiction over Washington police, and proceeded to soft-pedal the whole business.

Not only did he have no adequate excuses for the fact that his subordinates had hushed up the wire-tap scandal for eight long months, but he didn't appear too enthusiastic about having the Senate investigate.

## Merry-Go-Round

With the Governors—Governor Dewey made an off-the-record prediction that Governor Lausche (Tall's friend) was sure to be re-elected Governor of Ohio. When the election committee was deciding who should be on the committee of five to steer the Governors' conference next year, it was pointed out that Lausche's term expires this year. "Put him on any way," said Dewey, "he's sure to win." Gov. "Big Jim" Folsom of Alabama caused colleagues to suspect he wanted to be Ambassador to the Court of St. James by asking Secretary Acheson how much salary was received by British Ambassador Lord Goussard. "Shouldn't he be Ambassador to the Court of St. James?"

An American was told that he asked Big Jim (Folsom) used to be doorman at Reg's (Hotel New York). Broad-gauged Governor Warren of California chided his yellow-Republican, especially cantankerous Bracken Lee of Utah, about turning up the nose at Federal funds. "We all like to talk about running things ourselves," suggested Warren, "but what would we do without Federal funds for good roads and a lot of other things? You and I know perfectly well we can't finance those projects entirely ourselves." After Secretary Acheson finished speaking, blunt, gruff Governor Jim Duff of Pennsylvania, Republican progressive, told State Department officials: "I'm old enough so I don't care about my political future. If you have any trouble with McCarthy in Pennsylvania, call on me. I'll help you." In a private talk with Acheson Dewey was equally sympathetic about McCarthyism. "I was Gov. Bonner of Montana, remember."

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# Tough Anti-Wiretap Law Proposed by Senate Group

By Edward F. Ryan  
Post Reporter

A tough anti-wiretapping law was recommended yesterday by a Senate District subcommittee investigating the subject.

Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) subcommittee chairman, said the bill would be presented today to the full District committee.

The Pepper group also approved a report calling for trial board action against Metropolitan Police Lieutenant Joseph W. Shimon. It was on Shimon, now an officer of the Second Precinct, that the Pepper group focused its attention.

But Pepper said the committee gave up yesterday its idea of having Senator Owen Brewster (R., Me.) testify about Shimon's wiretapping.

A main effort by the group had been to show that Shimon tapped the Washington hotel phones of Howard Hughes' associates to get information about the millionaire planemaker's activities for the committee headed by Brewster during its 1947 probe of Hughes' war contracts.

But Brewster denied this to reporters, and Shimon denied it to the committee. Both said Shimon's only chore for Brewster was to follow Abner "Chick" Ladd

in and find out why he was shadowing the Senator. Ladd denied such shadowing. Shimon said it was to find Ladd's motives that he tapped Hughes' phones.

The bill subjects unauthorized wiretapping in the District to a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and ten years in jail. Possession of wiretapping equipment with intent to use it unlawfully would be made subject to a maximum penalty of \$5,000 fine and five years in jail.

The bill would authorize use of wiretapping by District law enforcement officers on order of District Court in cases "involving the safety of human life."

The major change proposed in the hearing and written into the bill by Pepper's group exempts from the act FBI agents, military intelligence organizations and telephone and telegraph company employees, when they act "within the scope" of their employment.

The proposal to omit defense department intelligence units from the wiretapping ban was advanced by Capt. E. P. Hylant, head of the security branch of the Office of Naval Intelligence, speaking for all three defense branches. The amendment was worked out by Defense officials and Committee Counsel Gerhard P. Van Arkel.

The committee also wrote into the bill a suggestion by Corporation Counsel Vernon E. West that court orders for wiretapping be kept confidential.

In the hearing, Maj. Robert J. Barrett, chief of Metropolitan Police, said he felt wiretapping authority should be entirely confined to Federal investigators.

"I'm very much against policemen having any authority to do wiretapping," said Chief Barrett. "We don't need it. We never did need it. Since 1941 no wiretapping equipment has been owned by the department. Any equipment is owned by individuals."

Barrett emphasized that Shimon "wasn't even under our supervision" at the time of the wiretapping.

Shimon at the time was a special investigator for the United States Attorney General.

Neither Justice Department nor F.B.I. officials appeared for the hearing.

During the morning hearing, Pepper ordered a reading of law on wiretapping and conspiracy and suggested "it seems to me from a cursory examination of these activities (the wiretapping by Shimon and his aides) would come clearly within the conspiracy statute."

Attorney Robert Lynch, who has been counsel to Shimon during the wiretapping inquiry, heard Pepper's remarks but declined comment on them.

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May 17, 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just been to see Howard Hughes picture "The Outlaw", and found to my complete disgust that everything you have tried to do in the prevention of crime, through education of the younger people is torn down in this picture.

Its glorification of crime with the consequent disrespect for the law and the ridiculing of law enforcement officers is, to say the very least, not conducive to good citizenship among the more impressionable of the younger people.

In the event you are not familiar with the picture, it is a story of Billy the Kid, the New Mexico outlaw. He was the Dillinger of his day. He killed twenty-one men by the time he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he was killed by Pat Garrett, the then Sheriff of Lincoln County. Pat Garrett risked his life and endured many hardships to fulfill his duty in bringing law and order to that section of the old west.

I am sure no one appreciates more than you do the fact that it takes a lot more courage for an officer to leave his comparatively comfortable surroundings, mount a horse and ride twenty or thirty miles through all kinds of weather to track down and bring in a criminal than it does for the fugitive to run and finally fight when he is cornered.

The facts concerning the life and death of Billy the Kid are a matter of record in New Mexico. The part Pat Garrett played in that phase of the State's history is also recorded. The people of New Mexico voted thanks to Pat Garrett for having brought Billy the Kid to justice.

Now comes Howard Hughes picture in which he portrays Billy the Kid as a hero and Pat Garrett as a crooked, cowardly, contemptible fool.


*Tell him nothing we can do & this has been the picture*

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The reason I am writing you is more for advice than anything else. I would like to see that picture stopped. First, because it defames  Pat Garrett, who I feel deserves more than ridicule for doing what he did to begin the development of that part of the country by forcing law and order. Second, because it glorifies crime at a time when crime prevention will probably be a tougher problem than ever due to the aftermath of the war. Third, the damage done by pictures of this nature obviously is tremendous. b7c

I would appreciate your views on this subject and any advice you could give me on how to stop the picture will receive the most careful consideration. I realize that stopping one picture will not solve the problem but that kind of movie production must be stopped sometime and here would be a good place to begin.

I am enclosing a review written by Hubert Roussel in the Houston Post and hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain

Very truly yours, 

By 

  
Enclosure b7c

# 'The Outlaw' Provides Screen With a Blatant And Awkward Hayride

By HUBERT ROUSSEL

PRACTICALLY everybody in this immediate neighborhood is on record with some sort of opinion concerning "The Outlaw," a cinemadoodle which arrived Thursday at Loew's to begin capitalizing on the work of its volunteer press corps. It is now my turn, and I shall try to set down a report of the venture as entertainment. This shouldn't require much time. Dramatically it is the sheerest of nonsense, a piece of all but incredible boggling—a caricature of the Western melodrama and in general a travesty of acting. Any observer who has gathered a little knowledge of plays, or at least a degree of maturity, will find the show an unintentional but uproarious comedy. But although it is hard to consider the production in a serious vein, it needs to be said that it represents a lower order of taste and ability than the movies or any other form of the drama can well afford to indulge.



ROUSSEL

The story presented in this valentine is not essentially different from that of the usual horse opera; it is merely delivered with more crudeness. Every conventional value of screen fiction is either confused or deliberately twisted in a lame effort at sensationalism. A young bandit and murderer is thus idolized; the man trying to bring him to justice becomes a weak and contemptible fool, and the heroine is a fast and incurable hay-diver.

## Medley of Blushes and Bellows

THESE characters and another principal figure drag over the screen at great length an assortment of the most embarrassingly juvenile and deeply banal lines any movie has offered since Hollywood quit telling its stories with subtleties. Every cliché of the melodrama is put into the mouths of the players in Howard Hughes' opera, and what turns "The Outlaw" into fairly juicy and desirable comedy is the fact that two of the cast are unaware of the ludicrous nature of this guff and make an effort to act it sincerely. The results will keep you between blushes and bellows for an hour and a half.

The two innocent babes are Jack Buciel and Jane Russell, the nominal stars of the picture. Both are as free of observable talent for acting as this communication is of a wish to injure their delicate feelings. Buciel is a puppy-eyed youngster with an old-time page-boy haircut. Miss Russell sustains the claim that she is busty beyond normal dimensions, but that is hardly a notable achievement. There are no many grapefruit to be seen.

Buciel is presented as the notorious bandit, Billy the Kid, who according to this legend was such a shot with a pistol that he could peel the bark from a cedar switch at 20 paces. Finding himself between killings and holdups, he falls in love with a horse and steals it. The nag is the property of Walter Huston, a sardonic and itinerant gambler. He trails his steed to a town in New Mexico, and there clashes with Billy, whose cold nerve he so greatly admires that he makes a friend of the bandit. This costs him not only his horse, but his girl and eventually his life.

It turns out that the gambler and the local sheriff (Thomas Mitchell) are on the best and most intimate terms. The sheriff can think of no way of arresting Billy without offending his old pal, so the outlaw has the run of the town for a while. He cruises around and meets Jane in the hay, which appears to be her natural environment. It seems she is trying to kill Billy because he murdered her brother. She changes her mind about that.

## The Ultimate Proof of Devotion

LATER Billy is shot by the sheriff. Huston takes advantage of the opportunity to escape, and takes him away in his wagon. The gambler does not intend to let Billy die, but when he finds out that he is being buried by a lady with whom he has a crush, he decides to save him. He goes to the funeral and when he sees the coffin he is so overcome that he falls down. When he gets up, he is so overcome that he falls down again. This is the ultimate proof of devotion.

When Huston returns and discovers how fully the desperado has taken advantage of his hospitality, he doesn't know whether to shoot Billy or let the picture continue. Unfortunately, he chooses the latter course. The result is another 30 minutes of dither and clasp.

Resigning himself to the loss of his girl, the gambler (who has added a few murders to his own score while eluding the posse), laments out for the mountains and takes Billy along. Meanwhile there has been a cooling of Jane's ardor for Billy; she has found out that he loves the horse more. She decides again she will kill him, and then Billy decides he will kill her. These chances to put an end to the story are also passed, and after an Indian episode and a ridiculous test of nerve between Billy and Huston to the sound of a cuckoo clock (the most appropriate fixture in the film), the gam-

bler is finally shot by the sheriff and the desperado takes his last ride with the girl.

The picture is a complete failure. It is a bad example of the Western genre. The acting is terrible. The story is nonsense. The production is amateurish. The picture is a complete failure.

The only acting worth mention is that of Huston, who puts his tongue in his cheek and takes some of the sting from the terribly amateurish shenanigans of the principal pair. Mitchell is completely licked, however, and it will take him a long time to live down the exhibit he offers in this opus.

To sum it all up, "The Outlaw" is a banal, garish and clumsy production, which proves that film making is no job for inexperienced hands.

Sophisticated theatergoers should find the picture obliquely amusing, and perhaps some with a special love for horse opera will be able to believe in its story. The house was jammed when I attended the show, but it wasn't clear whether the cheering of the juvenile element was the product of excitement or derision.

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May 24, 1946

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 17, 1946, with enclosure has been received and I was pleased to learn of your interest in law enforcement and the juvenile problem. Presentations tending to glorify crime and the criminal, regardless of their medium, have a definite effect on juvenile minds and should be replaced by more wholesome entertainment.

Although I would like to be of assistance in the matter you mentioned, I wish to advise that I have not seen the picture and therefore do not feel that I should comment on it. Your thoughtfulness in writing me as you did is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# FAIR ENOUGH

THE call of Elliott Roosevelt and Howard Hughes was barely equalled by the colossal stupidity and clumsiness of Sens. Brewster and Ferguson, who permitted this bumptious pair to put the U. S. Senate on the defense.

The subcommittee permitted Roosevelt to get away with a mock-modest display of heroism. This recalls the conduct of his maternal great-uncle, Theodore, who actually campaigned with Henry Cabot Lodge in a siege against the White House and the War department to get an undeserved Congressional Medal of Honor for T. R.'s skirmish in Cuba.

His purpose, frankly stated, was to see the award in his political career.

THEODORE was the brother of that Elliott Roosevelt who was the father of Eleanor the Great. Theodore was a man of pots, as one might say. But drinking was a more or less confidential sport in those days and so when G. H. Newell, the editor of a trade paper, called him a stevedore in print, T. R. was able to stand him down for a 6-cent verdict in a libel suit where testimony was heard that he sometimes took a shot of brandy in his milk.

This greatly amused the lower orders who had the impudence in those days to belly up to the cherry-wood and ask for a little milk in their brandy, smirking enormously.

We had no FBI then to lay a peasant by the heels for lese majeste and the air was full of gamy little anecdotes concerning Uncle Joe Cannon and Teddy and the rest of a robust crowd of stage in their spare time on Chesapeake bay and the Potomac.

HOWEVER, though he undoubtedly drummed a he-man's portion of grog and probably lost a gentleman's fair share of skin off the bridge of his nose bouncing off saloon doors and floors, Theodore was not in the same league with his brother, Lushwell the Dipso, christened Elliott.

Old Lushwell was a falling-down drunk who developed a fine personal herd of pink elephants and spent the last 18 years of his life under glass.

So, when his namesake, the current Elliott, or Lushwell Minor, came up with his memoirs of great days and nights at Cairo and Tehran, when he got "uncertainly" to his feet and shot off his mouth to Stalin and Churchill "trying to think fast through the champagne bubbles," those loyal and servile subjects of the royal family—Gawd Syve Their Bloody Majesties—who had read the intimate history of the dynasty rose waveringly from their bar stools with cries of "well sloshed, old crock"; and "leave 'im be w'ere 'e fell."

LUSHWELL MINOR is the living confluence of two rushing streams of old red-eye. For not only was Lushwell the Boak his maternal grandpa, but on her mother's side, Eleanor the Great was the niece of Uncles Eddie and Vallie Hall. They were brothers of her mother, and Elliott's great-uncles.

They were kept under padlock in the family skeleton closet and fed through a hole in the door.

They sometimes had Uncle Vallie in a leafy glade down a hollow where he stoked a boiler, not so still corn-juice, however, but to pump

## By WESTBROOK EGLER

water for the house. And he was so, let us say, unpredictable that after a time little Nell never invited "any girl to stay at Tivoli" and seldom asked any young man because nobody could anticipate what Uncle Vallie might do.

There is an irritating reticence here. The imagination toys with Uncle Vallie popping out from spooky shadows behind great leather chairs in the haunted house or springing from the bushes and yelling "ya-yi-yi" and making pinching motions at virginal young ladies, and even young gentlemen, too.

Uncle Eddie proved himself "just as weak as his brother, Vallie," but what he did his niece doesn't tell us except that he sometimes read Dickens or Scott, alone, all day long. That doesn't seem so bad, though, do you think?

THE NEW YORK TIMES, whose ponderous stateliness sometimes seems to camouflage other editorial intentions, remarked that "it is not edifying when a brave and distinguished soldier has to admit that he accepted lavish hospitality, however innocently."

Now listen to that, will you? The New York Times never ran a single word of editorial comment when the fact was revealed that Elliott and his old man conspired to trim a select list of saps, notably John Harford, and finally gypped the chumps out of their collateral as well as their capital by invoking the powers of Jesse Jones, the chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, the biggest bank in the world.

Not a word did the Times have to say about that debauchery of the Presidential office by the President. Not a word about this conduct of an Army officer notwithstanding the fact that the ninety-fifth article of war plainly says dishonorable neglect to pay debts constitutes conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, for which he may be canned in disgrace.

On what ground does the New York Times presume to call this fellow a "brave and distinguished soldier?" Says who? Surely there has been enough evidence in other matters to justify the reservation of a doubt in these two particulars.

Certainly it was tacitly admitted that Elliott let a war contractor pay \$1,400 of the expenses of his wedding, a stroke of moochery beneath the dignity of any man of pride, whoever the donor might have been.

A gentleman just doesn't let strangers pay his wedding expenses or let some brute harry off the type of Johnny Meyer hand his betrothed a \$20 bill because she has been "sharming." or slip her \$132 worth of nylons at any time still less when all women regarded nylons as treasure. On what ground does the Times dare suggest that this Elliott accepted this hospitality "innocently."

AS FOR Hughes, there is the record of his agent, his press agent, his flunkay, who insisted that, in Hughes' name, he paid women to attend parties as guests, and bought them presents as his official duty in the employ of Hughes' company.

The record shows that the government spent \$40,000,000 with Hughes and got absolutely nothing for the money, some of which was spent by Meyer to buy drinks and meals for Elliott and his friends.

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## Cover-Up For War Profiteering

THE performance of the Republican-dominated Senate War Inquiry Committee in connection with the Howard Hughes contracts may be sordid and farcical, but it is no small sideshow.

Seizing on a petty \$5,000 item for alleged entertainment expenses to Elliott Roosevelt, the GOP hoped to renew its drive to smear the memory of FDR and, incidentally, to destroy the public career of his son.

It is evident the Tories still fear the power of FDR's name and policies among the people. Their stunt, however, did not come off very well.

It is now pretty clear, too, that the inquiry was directed at Hughes because he happens to be an independent operator whom the airline trust is trying to swallow up.

We hold no particular brief for Hughes, but it is highly significant that the inquiry committee steers clear of the really big boys, the huge monopolies who fastened their grip on the economic and political life of the nation in the period of its great emergency.

We need an inquiry into wartime contracts, one that will uncover the profiteering, the piracy and the sabotage of the ruthless trusts.

We will not get it from the present Republican Congress unless an aroused people demands it.

The best bet for such an inquiry is for the people to make up Congress next year by getting rid of the servants of Big Business and electing a strong group of anti-monopoly congressmen.

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Dear Edgar:

I shall be at [redacted] Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
of next week and do hope to have a chance to see you. This is  
just a line to let you know I have recently joined [redacted]

As you know for the past [redacted] years I have worked as a [redacted]

Russell Birdwell is also an old newspaperman and he has had some  
years of experience in public relations work. He handles a  
great number of accounts at the present time, among them Celotex,  
Certain-teed, Henry J. Kaiser-Howard Hughes cargo planes, some  
motion picture concerns and some foreign governments. He did a  
magnificent job for "Gone With The Wind" and a most successful  
job for United China Relief.

I do hope to see you soon. With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. This is of course a few letter. Do hope to see you.  
Expect to handle their Wash business from now on.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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RICHARDSON DILWORTH, a Philadelphia attorney, campaigned on the Democratic ticket for election during the fall of 1947 for the office of Mayor of Philadelphia. During his campaign, DILWORTH became known as a reformer and frequently attacked the District Attorney's Office of Philadelphia County, as well as the Philadelphia Police Department. In these attacks DILWORTH alleged inefficiency and corruption. During the campaign, DILWORTH apparently received considerable support from independent groups of voters, as well as some veteran groups.

Included on the Democratic ticket for city election was THOMAS J. CLARY, former Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who campaigned for the office of District Attorney, Philadelphia County.

DILWORTH and his ticket were defeated at the polls in November, 1947, by some 90,000 votes.

Since the election, DILWORTH has remained active in Democratic political affairs.

Recently, one JAMES A. FINNEGAN was appointed Chairman of the Democratic Party in Philadelphia.

For some time since the November election, DILWORTH has been writing weekly columns that are published in the Philadelphia Inquirer each Wednesday. It has been reported that

The above has been stated as being one of the reasons that the Inquirer, a Republican paper, would be carrying weekly articles written by DILWORTH, a Democrat.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1948, DILWORTH's regular weekly column appeared in the Inquirer, and in the last paragraph the following comment was made:

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"In last fall's campaign our attacks on the District Attorney's office boomeranged when the people reminded us that, with few exceptions, the assistants in the United States Attorney's office in Philadelphia are no more competent, or honest, than the assistants in our District Attorney's office. This situation should be speedily remedied."

United States Attorney GERALD A. GLEESON subsequently released a statement concerning DILWORTH's comment, and this statement was given publicity in an item appearing in the Philadelphia Inquirer on January 30, 1948. The item indicated that GLEESON had directed a letter to DILWORTH challenging DILWORTH to make known at once any dishonesty affecting anyone in the United States Attorney's Office, as well as pertinent names, dates, and places. GLEESON further indicated that if such information was furnished by DILWORTH, that he, GLEESON, would request the FBI to make a thorough investigation.

With regard to the competency of the United States Attorney's Office, GLEESON indicated that of one-hundred defendants arraigned on criminal charges during January, only two had been acquitted. (It should be noted here that GLEESON used the word "arraigned". Although at first glance GLEESON's statement indicates ninety-eight per cent convictions, it should be borne in mind that many of the persons arraigned will not actually be tried until a subsequent term of court.)

On February 2, 1948, ASHER W. SCHWARTZ, former Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised that he had been in conference with Judge JAMES P. McGRANERY just prior to leaving the Courthouse for lunch. During the conference, McGRANERY had indicated that he was considering the possibility of instructing the Federal Grand Jury to investigate the charges put forth by DILWORTH in his column on January 28, 1948. McGRANERY stated that he was not sure he would take this action at the time the Grand Jury appeared in his courtroom during that afternoon, but indicated that he would confer with United States Attorney GLEESON before he took further action. Mr. SCHWARTZ pointed out to the Judge that in GLEESON's published reply, he had indicated he would request an investigation by the FBI. McGRANERY then told SCHWARTZ that he did not consider that this was a matter the FBI should handle, and that the investigation should be handled through the Grand Jury.

At approximately 2:20 p.m. on February 2, 1948, Judge McGRANERY directed the attention of the Grand Jury to the article of DILWORTH appearing in the January 28, 1948 edition of the Inquirer. The Judge ordered the Grand Jury to subpoena DILWORTH before that body forthwith, for the purpose of furnishing any and all information he might have in his possession to substantiate the statements made regarding dishonesty and incompetency of the Assistant United States Attorneys. McGRANERY emphasized the fact that no charge had

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been made against United States Attorney GERALD A. GLEESON, and indicated that in his opinion GLEESON would render every possible assistance to the Grand Jury in the matter under investigation. At approximately 2:30 p.m. the Grand Jury retired to the Grand Jury Room.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. on the same date, an Agent of this office was conferring with Assistant United States Attorney E. A. KALLICK, and at that time Assistant United States Attorney JAMES P. MCCOPLICK spoke to GLEESON outside of KALLICK's office door and advised that DILWORTH was on his way down to appear before the Grand Jury. GLEESON then stated that he, GLEESON, would go to the Grand Jury Room and handle the matter himself.

The appearance of DILWORTH before the Grand Jury was publicized in some detail in an article appearing in the Philadelphia Inquirer on February 3, 1948. This article indicated that on reporting to Judge McGRANERY during the afternoon of February 2, 1948, CHARLES A. HALL, of Reading, Pennsylvania, Grand Jury Foreman, stated that the witness, DILWORTH, had offered no evidence or names to support his published statement. A portion of the published article regarding DILWORTH's appearance is quoted below:

"He just mentioned a few circumstances," HALL said, adding that the jurors had voted, 13 to 6, to notify the U. S. Attorney General of its findings.

"Judge McGRANERY replied firmly: 'I want you to bear in mind that there is only one thing before you. Your principal duty is to determine whether there is any incompetency or dishonesty existing among the assistant U. S. attorneys.'"

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"Then you can't do much about it," the jurist agreed. "But if you should decide he has information of a serious nature you can compel him to speak and speak forthrightly. On the other hand, if he doesn't have it, you can't get blood from a stone."

The above article indicated that DILWORTH had been questioned before the jury for some forty-five minutes, after which time he declined to comment on his testimony but attempted to see Judge McGRANERY. According to the newspaper, DILWORTH advised that the Judge refused to see him.

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During the morning of February 3, 1948, an Agent of this office was conferring with Assistant United States Attorney E. A. KALLICK, and during that time KALLICK engaged several reporters in conversation. KALLICK started to say that a portion of the item reported in the Inquirer on that morning had been inaccurate. J. TAYLOR BUCKLEY, of the Philadelphia Inquirer, immediately stated that the article reported the happenings with accuracy, and at this point HENRY MESSAROS, of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, interrupted and read from his notes to substantiate the statement of BUCKLEY. It appeared that the portion of the item that caused the dissension was that portion dealing with the oral report made by the Grand Jury Foreman to Judge McCRAHERY on February 2. BUCKLEY, of the Inquirer, appeared to be considerably incensed concerning the entire matter, and stated that he had learned that United States Attorney GLEESON had instructed the Grand Jury Foreman on exactly what statements should be made in the oral report to the Judge. BUCKLEY indicated in very strong terms that he did not approve of such action by GLEESON, and went on to state that during the evening of February 2, 1948, Judge McCRAHERY had called the Inquirer and attempted to have the item removed from the paper as it was being printed. According to BUCKLEY, McCRAHERY indicated that the Grand Jury Foreman had not meant what he said. BUCKLEY stated that the paper refused to change the wording of the article, and at this point MESSAROS, of the Bulletin, interrupted to state that the same phraseology was to be used by the Bulletin in the paper appearing on February 3. MESSAROS also stated that United States Attorney GLEESON had telephonically contacted the Evening Bulletin during the evening of February 2, and that he had attempted to state that the Grand Jury Foreman did not mean what he had said in his remarks to Judge McCRAHERY.

BUCKLEY indicated that in his opinion GLEESON had a terrific nerve to offer to handle the Grand Jury investigation, particularly in view of the fact that the investigation dealt with affairs of the United States Attorney's Office.

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Items appeared in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin on February 3, 1948 and in the Philadelphia Inquirer on February 4, 1948, indicating that the Grand Jury had found the charges made by DILLWORTH to be baseless. The written report of the Grand Jury was set forth as: "RICHARDSON DILLWORTH, Esq. stated under oath that he had no legal evidence to support his above-quoted statement." The last three words of the report dealt with the original statement made by DILLWORTH, which had been incorporated into the Grand Jury report.

In the February 4, 1948 edition of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, a statement issued by JOSEPH SHARFSIN, a Philadelphia attorney, was given publicity. SHARFSIN in this article attacked the remarks made by DILLWORTH concerning the United States Attorney's Office as being "an outrage" and "sickening". It is to be noted that SHARFSIN had been a rival candidate for Democratic nomination as Mayor of Philadelphia during the 1947 election. SHARFSIN has been reported to have considerable influence in national Democratic circles, as well as in the local Democratic Party. It may be of interest to note that SHARFSIN represented ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT during the much publicized hearings in Washington which concerned the entertaining of ROOSEVELT by HOWARD PUGHES.

No request for investigation concerning any of the above matters has been received by this office to date, and in accordance with Bureau instructions no action will be taken by this office. If any request for investigation is

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subsequently made, complete information will immediately be furnished to the Bureau.

There are enclosed herewith six clippings concerning the above matters, which appeared in the Philadelphia newspapers.

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Enclosures



**Richardson Dilworth**

# City Manager System Offers No Cure for Our Governmental Pains

**M**ANY people have written to suggest that a city manager would be the solution to our municipal government headache. These correspondents have pointed out that the proposed charter, drafted in 1938 by the City Charter group, called for a city manager type of government in Philadelphia.

I do not believe a city manager would solve our problems. The theory of city manager government is that the administration of a city's business, as distinguished from its policy-making functions, is entrusted to a competent administrator. He, in effect, becomes the city's legislative body, and is usually given a contract for a specified term of years at a salary sufficient to appeal to an able business man.

In theory, a city manager, once under contract, is not subject to political influence and has a free hand in running the business end of the city. The Mayor's duties, under such a system, are confined to matters of policy, which includes presiding over the city's legislative body. As a practical matter, the Mayor becomes little more than an official greeter and glad-hander. Many persons will, of course, say that is all we have now in Philadelphia, so why not add an able, independent administrator.

**T**HE answer to that, in my opinion, is that efficient municipal government really depends on the kind of men we elect rather than upon any particular system.

In practice, city managers are not free from politics. In the first place, they are chosen by the municipality's legislative body, which in our case, is the City Council. The choice is, therefore, made by a political body.

You can imagine the kind of city manager our City Council would choose. What is more, the legislative body can exercise a great deal of influence over a city manager by its power to vote or withhold funds, by its power to oust him when his contract expires and, last but not least, by political smearing tactics.

The city manager plan has worked satisfactorily in small cities, but not so well in large cities. No city of over a half-million population in this country now has city manager government. Cleveland, the one large city which tried that type of government, soon abandoned it.

**I** THINK the reason for this is that in smaller cities the candidates for what corresponds to our City Council are unknown personally to the voters, and are chosen with some care. In large cities, such as Philadelphia, the voters know little of the candidates for City Council and generally take little interest in their choice. In fact, a recent poll revealed that more than half of the people in Philadelphia do not even know the names of their Councilmen.

What is more, the people in small cities usually pay a great deal more attention to the everyday business of their city than is the case in large cities. The result is that the legislative body of small cities, being more intelligently chosen and with its work more closely watched than in large cities, generally elects good city managers and give them a fairly free hand.

Large cities, in my opinion, can best be governed by a Mayor and a small City Council upon whose shoulders is squarely placed the responsibility for the entire administration of the city's government. The Mayor should have the right and the responsibility of appointing his own cabinet and administrative officers, subject to confirmation by a majority of City Council.

**T**HE present system of electing city officials whose duties are purely administrative is absurd. What does the average voter know or care about a candidate's qualifications to act as Coroner, Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds, Comptroller, Treasurer, Receiver of Taxes, Clerk of the Quarter Sessions Court, Sheriff, County Commissioner? Yet, these are all elective offices in Philadelphia.

Having so many elective offices makes it difficult for a Mayor to administer the city's affairs effectively or efficiently.

Each of these many officials is apt to use his department as the job in it as a foundation for his own political machine. The Mayor has no legal right to supervise or intervene in the administration of these departments. This greatly weakens the authority of a good Mayor, and serves as a convenient excuse for poor Mayors.

I believe the only city officers we should elect are the Mayor and City Council and that the size of Council should be reduced from 22 to 12, with Councilmen elected on a citywide basis instead of by districts. In this way the responsibility for good city government would be placed right where it belongs, in the hands of the chief officer of the city and its legislative body.

**H**OWEVER, it must be repeated that in the final analysis we shall get good government in Philadelphia only when we elect competent men to office—and that will not happen until we have two strong political parties to which the voters can turn.

The Democratic Party in Philadelphia has made a good start in this direction by choosing James A. Finnegan as its new chairman and should now be in a position to start its campaign to regain the confidence of the voters of Philadelphia.

As an aid in doing this, the Democratic Party must see that local Federal jobs in Philadelphia are filled by competent men.

In last fall's campaign our attacks on the District Attorney's office boomeranged when the people reminded us that, with few exceptions, the assistants in the United States Attorney's office in Philadelphia are no more competent, or honest, than those in our District Attorney's office. This situation should be remedied.

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## Gleeson Asks 'Dishonesty' Data

Richardson Dilworth, defeated Democratic candidate for Mayor, was asked yesterday by U. S. Attorney Gerald A. Gleeson to present any evidence of dishonesty involving Gleeson's office, coupled with the pledge that a thorough investigation would be ordered by the FBI.

In a letter to Dilworth, Gleeson wrote:

"I say to you now, that, if you know of any dishonesty affecting anyone in this office, please expose it at once. Please name names, dates and places and I will request the Federal Bureau of Investigation to make a thorough investigation of everything you have to say on that subject."

### PLEDGES SPEEDY ACTION

Gleeson said that prompt action would be taken against anyone found to be involved in dishonest practices.

"If any assistant of this office is dishonest, I want to be the first to know it," he told Dilworth, "and I assure you that appropriate steps will be taken against him without a moment's delay."

Gleeson referred to a paragraph in Dilworth's column, published in The Inquirer on Jan. 28, which said:

"In last fall's campaign our attacks on the District Attorney's office boomeranged when the people reminded us that, with a few exceptions, the assistants in the U. S. Attorney's office in Philadelphia are no more competent, or honest, than the assistants in our District Attorney's office. This situation should be speedily remedied."

The U. S. Attorney defended the efficiency of his office, both in criminal and civil cases. He said that of 100 defendants arraigned on criminal charges during January, only two were acquitted.

### 'UGLY IMPLICATION'

"A search of the civil court records will demonstrate that we have likewise handled that work very efficiently," he assured Dilworth.

"I am deeply concerned with the way you have used the word 'honest' in your statement," Gleeson continued. He said its use "may give rise to the ugly implication that there is dishonesty among some assistants."

He concluded with the invitation to Dilworth to present any evidence of such dishonesty, with the pledge that prompt FBI action would be ordered.

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### CRITICIZED U. S. AIDES

But the jury foreman later told the court that Dilworth had offered neither names nor evidence to amplify his statement.

Dilworth had called Philadelphia's assistant U. S. attorneys "no more competent, or honest" than assistant

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## U. S. Jury Probes Dilworth Charge

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ants in the county District Attorney's office, with a few exceptions.

The Grand Jury had been instructed by U. S. District Judge James P. McGranery to make its own probe of Dilworth's comment, confining its immediate work to exploring "this particular charge."

But after questioning Dilworth, Charles A. Hamm, of Reading, the jury foreman, reported to Judge McGranery that the witness had offered no evidence or names to support his statement.

"He just mentioned a few circumstances," Hamm said, adding that the jurors had voted, 12 to 6, to notify the U. S. Attorney General of its findings.

Judge McGranery replied firmly: "I want you to bear in mind that there is only one thing before you. Your principal duty is to determine whether there is any incompetency or dishonesty existing among the assistant U. S. attorneys."

### COMPULSION HINTED

"But, your Honor," Hamm explained, "he would not give us any names or legal information."

"Then you can't do much about it," the jurist agreed. "But if you should decide he has information of a serious nature you can compel him to speak and speak forthrightly. On the other hand, if he doesn't have it you can't get blood from a stone."

The panel will meet this morning to draft a formal presentment to the court on its findings.

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In his instructions to the 19 jurors, Judge McGranery had alluded to *The Inquirer* article.

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"This court," he said, "directs your attention to an article published in a local Philadelphia newspaper under the date of Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1948. This newspaper the court will submit to you. The particular reference that you will concern yourself about is in the last paragraph of the article, and I quote it to you . . ."

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"The fair and impartial administration of justice is the very heart of the American system," Judge McGranery continued, "and this court is very happy to observe that he has stated in the article that the 'situation should be speedily remedied.' If any such condition exists, members of the Grand Jury, it should be remedied at once, and in the full glare of the public light."

### ORDERS OPEN INQUIRY

"You cannot administer justice fairly and impartially in dark recesses. The court, therefore, instructs you that you direct that the writer of the article appear before you forthwith and submit to you the name or names of the assistant U. S. Attorneys in the office of the U. S. Attorney for this district, together with all information that forms the basis of this charge."

"You will confine yourselves strictly, members of the Grand Jury, to this particular charge only, and you will report back to this court as quickly as time and a fair, impartial, intelligent inquiry will permit."

"No charge has been leveled against the U. S. Attorney, who has the confidence, respect and regard of this court and of the community, and I am sure he will be of every possible assistance to you in this matter. I need not emphasize to you the very serious nature of this charge, and I am sure you will be indifferent to private political or partisan influence."

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## Jury Repudiates Dilworth Charge

With a two-sentence report, a Federal Grand Jury closed the books yesterday on its fruitless investigation of the U. S. Attorney's staff, in which Richardson Dilworth was the only witness.

A formal presentment to U. S. District Judge James P. McGranery said the panel had questioned Dilworth about a reference in his weekly column in *The Inquirer* to the qualifications of assistant U. S. attorneys here.

### NO LEGAL EVIDENCE

Its report was:

"Richardson Dilworth, Esq., stated under oath that he has no legal evidence to support his above quoted statement. This report is hereby adopted by the vote of the Grand Jury this 10 day of February, A.D., 1948."

The presentment was read by Charles A. Hamm, of Reading, jury foreman. It was signed by Hamm and Mrs. Richard J. Partridge, sec-

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etary. Judge McGranery submitted the report to the court.

### JUDGE PRAISES

"I caused this investigation to be made by you," the judge said with a firm understanding of the proper administration of justice.

"You have, notwithstanding the fact that you found the investigation useless, rendered a great service. You have the gratitude of the court and the thanks of this court and of this district."

### QUOTATION FROM

Dilworth, Democrat, ran for Mayor last Nov. In his column that "the assistant U. S. attorneys, the assistants to the State Attorney's office in Philadelphia are no more competent than the assistant U. S. District Attorney's office should be speedily removed."

On Judge McGranery's Grand Jury subpoenaed Monday and asked him to appear on the printed command. He reported to the judge Monday that Dilworth would do so.

U. S. Attorney General Cummings, in reading the jury's report, said: "I am gratified that the implication has been repudiated."

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## U. S. Jury Reports Charges by Dilworth were Baseless

The Federal Grand Jury filed a report today in which it stated that Richardson Dilworth told them he had no evidence to support his published remarks about assistants in the U. S. Attorney's office here.

The report was made to U. S. District Judge James P. McGranery, who yesterday ordered the jury to make a complete investigation of assertions by the defeated Democratic candidate for Mayor.

### Statement Is Quoted

It included the published statement by Dilworth that was the subject of the investigation. The jurors quoted it as follows:

"In last fall's campaign our attacks on the District Attorney's (county) office boomeranged when people reminded us that, with few

exceptions, the assistants in the United States Attorney's office in Philadelphia are no more competent or honest than the assistants in our District Attorney's office. This situation should be speedily remedied."

To this the grand jury added in its report to Judge McGranery: "Richardson Dilworth, Esq., stated under oath that he had no legal evidence to support his above quoted statement."

### Gleeson Is Gratiified

U. S. Attorney Gerald A. Gleeson commented that he was "gratified that the improper implications had been repudiated."

After their discharge, members of the grand jury said that Dilworth had seemed unwilling to co-operate with them. They said he named no

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## Grand Jury Report

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names and gave them no information upon which they could have pressed an investigation.

The report was read to the court by Charles A. Hamm, of Reading, a retired railroad worker, foreman of the jury which was made up of ten men and nine women.

Before discharging the jurors, who were sworn in last November, Judge McGranery told them:

"Notwithstanding the fact that you have found these charges baseless, you have rendered a great service."

"I caused this to be investigated by you with firm faith in the proper administration of justice and you have carried out this task, fairly, impartially, calmly and deliberately in the best of your ability."

"You have the gratitude and personal thanks of this court and the judges of this district. If there should be any irregularities ever existing in the future, they will be taken speedily before a grand jury."

"When the writer of this article called for a speedy remedy, as presiding judge of this term, it was my duty to see it was done. It was executed without malice or hidden motives."

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# Sharfsin Reply Blasts Dilworth

## Calls his Remarks Outrage and Sickening

Richardson Dilworth's recent attack upon members of the U. S. Attorney's office brought forth a blistering reply from former City Solicitor Joseph Sharfsin today.

Sharfsin, a rival candidate for the Democratic nomination as mayor which was won by Dilworth last fall, labeled Dilworth's remarks "an outrage" and "sickening."

In Democratic political circles, the attack was taken as a definite challenge to Dilworth's leadership in Philadelphia and one which might result in opposition to Dilworth as a delegate-at-large at the forthcoming Democratic national convention.

### Follows Jury's Report

Sharfsin's remarks followed the action of a Federal Grand Jury in informing District Judge James P. McGranery that Dilworth lacked evidence to support his assertion that "with few exceptions the assistants in the U. S. Attorney's office in Philadelphia are no more competent or honest than the assistants in our district attorney's office."

Sharfsin said he was deeply gratified by the grand jury's action and praised the aids of U. S. Attorney Gerald A. Gleeson as "a group of public servants who have given competent and loyal service to the people and to the Government."

"It is very easy to broadcast reckless insinuations having no other purpose than to damage the hard-earned reputations of decent, honest public officials," continued Sharfsin, "but it is an outrage, it is sickening, that men with families and honorable positions in the community are exposed to such things."

### Questions Motive

"I believe the entire bar of Philadelphia will agree that Mr. Gleeson and his staff have conducted this office with spotless integrity. The question arises as to the real motive behind this and certain other recent attacks."

"I for one propose to do a little investigating of my own along this line. The good name of a lawyer or a public officer is his most precious possession. There is nothing more unforgivable than to try to destroy that good name by vague and baseless charges."

It was recalled that after Judge McGranery had ordered an investigation of Dilworth's charges, the latter called on the judge.

### No Legal Evidence

Judge McGranery sent word that he would see Dilworth only in open court.

Yesterday the jurors filed a presentment reporting that Dilworth "stated under oath that he had no legal evidence to support his charges."

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## CRITICIZED U. S. AIDES

But the jury foreman later told the court that Dilworth had offered neither names nor evidence to support his statement.

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# Congress Probes Ownership Of Airlines Which Won Routes

## Shafer Fears 'Undue Influence' as Party By TWA for Elliott Roosevelt Is Cited

By WILLARD EDWARDS

The ownership of the three American air line companies authorized last week to fly North Atlantic routes to Europe, Asia and Africa, is being scrutinized by congressional investigators. It was learned last night.

The Civil Aeronautics Board awarded the rich postwar plum to Transcontinental and Western Air Co. Inc., Pan American Airways, Inc., and American Export Airlines, Inc., which is being taken over by American Airlines, Inc.

### Stock Searing Cited

Representative Shafer (R.), of Michigan, immediately demanded an explanation of all the facts surrounding the issuance of a certificate to TWA, noting that Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt was feted by that airline's officials at the time of his wedding last November to Paye Emerson, movie actress. Shafer said he was suspicious that "undue influence" may have entered into the award.

Senator McCarran (D.), of Nevada, also called attention to the fact that the stock of the TWA and American Export had

soared in value by 25 points before the announcement of the CAB.

### Hughes a Major Owner

CAB records show that the sole large stockholder in TWA is the Hughes Tool Company of Houston, Tex., of which Howard Hughes, manufacturer, aviator and motion picture producer, is president and owner.

American Airlines, authorized by the board to acquire control of American Export Airlines by the payment of three million dollars for 120,000 unissued shares of capital stock, has but one large stockholder listed in the records.

This is the Federal Loan Administration, which holds 287,538 shares of the total outstanding issue of 1,277,162 shares.

### "Hasty Action" Questioned

Pan American Airways is owned by the Pan American Corporation. President and general manager is Juan T. Trippe, of New York.

Senator McCarran charged that "powerful interests" had operated in connection with the postwar transatlantic routes award. Like Representative Shafer, he also noted the press reports involving Gen. Roosevelt's activities and wondered if they were "a contributing factor in the hasty action taken by the aeronautics board."

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**FILE NO.** 62-60303-A, Times Herald 1/29/48



# These Charming People

By AUSTINE  
CASSINI

HOW happy they will be! . . . General Benny Meyers, Johnny Meyers, Howard Hughes, Henry Kaiser—the oil companies and others too mentionable and numerous—to hear that the Brewster Committee, formerly the Kilgore Committee, formerly the Mead Committee, formerly the Truman Committee, will end its existence the end of this month!

Philip Richard Davis, the Chicago attorney who was responsible for digging up most of the dirt surrounding the Arabian oil situation, is having a farewell dinner tonight at the Army-Navy Club, to say goodbye to the Brewster Committee.

IF ANYBODY mentions the "streetcar," he doesn't mean a mode of transportation . . . He means rather, a tram named passion, or "A Streetcar Named Desire" . . . A ride on a regular streetcar costs a dime . . . Standing room is permitted, and you don't have to have pull to get a seat—just push!

But to get a seat to see "A Streetcar Named Desire," Tennessee Williams' Best Play of the Year, even if you have \$20 and lots of pull, sometimes it doesn't help.

I couldn't believe I was really IN till curtain went up. The lights went down slowly, and from somewhere far away, came the moaning music of a Basin Street Blues band . . . That same sorrowful, haunting jazz is played off-stage, off and on, during the entire performance . . . story set in New Orleans Vieux Carre of how a nice girl gets to be a prostitute.

For some reason for some years the theater has had a great preoccupation with prostitutes . . . And they're always "nice girls" . . . They're always sending a son through college, or true to one man in their hearts.

Tennessee Williams' prostitute in "A Streetcar Named Desire" was "shell shocked," so to speak, in her early youth . . . disillusioned by the young boy she married.

There was desperate sadness in "The Streetcar," but somehow you were not so moved as in the author's production of last year, "The Glass Menagerie" . . . Both plays deal with mentally crippled girls who live in a make-believe world, and



Austine Cassini

who go back to their own world of enchantment in the last act.

THE best show is backstage! At the largest fashion show in the world, for the March of Dimes in N. Y. . . . It collects \$25.00 to fight Polio from each of the hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of persons who jam the Waldorf's stadium ballroom . . . To put on such a style parade takes:

Millions of dollars worth of merchandise . . . Models . . . Hairdressers . . . Flattery young men . . . Maids . . . Electricians . . . Stage managers . . . Detectives to guard the fabulous collections of jewels and furs . . . Errand boys . . . Broadway celebrities who make special appearances . . . Designers . . . Milliners . . . Shoemakers . . . Pursemakers . . . Flowermakers . . . Corsetmakers . . . Make-up makers . . . Ticket takers . . . Ushers . . . Men from Newsreels, television, and newspapers.

I could go on ad infinitum . . . But if you want to know how

it turns out then see it at your newsreel theater.

This vast production, great as anything Ziegfeld or De Mille ever attempted, couldn't get before the footlights without a frill. Clare Lee-like woman named Eleanor Lambert.

She organizes the entire production for the New York Dress Institute . . . Also arranges Press Week for fashion editors from all over the country, has her own advertising agency, is married to the good-looking chief boss of a news service.

Mothers an eight year old son, runs an apartment, dresses immaculately, has an iron constitution, and a gentle smile. Amazes everyone!

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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NAME CHECK

December 8, 1955

*Name checks*

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
NAME CHECK REQUESTS

Reference is made to your name check requests concerning the individuals listed below, requesting only copies of reports of any security-type investigations conducted by this Bureau. In response you are advised that no such investigations of these persons have been conducted by the FBI.

HOWARD ROBERT HUGHES  
Born: December 24, 1905  
Houston, Texas

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The foregoing information is furnished to you as the result of your requests for FBI file checks and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individuals involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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Subj: Howard Robert Hughes

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 10/2/73

To: ☐ Director

BUfile: 62-61132

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PARfile: 163-286

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## FILE DESCRIPTION

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FILE NO. 62-74921-3

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: 2-23-47

FROM : R. W. Reger

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
Information Concerning

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

At 9:20 P.M. on February 22, 1947, an individual who identified himself as Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] telephoned the Bureau. He stated that he was attempting to get in touch with Mr. Howard Hughes, the famous aviation expert. [REDACTED] advised that he had been unable to secure Mr. Hughes' address or telephone number and desired the Bureau to instruct him as to how he might get in touch with Mr. Hughes.

It was apparent from the conversation that [REDACTED] was intoxicated, and he was advised by the writer that the information which he requested could not be furnished by the Bureau.

[REDACTED] indicated that he had contacted the Bureau telephonically on numerous occasions in the past, and further indicated that he intended to call the Bureau frequently in the future for any information which he might desire to obtain.

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ACTION:

No action necessary. This memorandum is being made a matter of record in the event that further inquiries are received from [REDACTED]

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BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL

SIEGEL is a former member of the Murder, Inc. gang in New York City and has many associates and friends who clear at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. He is interested in various gambling and race horse wire services in Las Vegas, Nevada, and recently advised that he was going to attempt to place as Chief of Police in Las Vegas, [REDACTED] of the Detective Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. Siegel has stated that he has received social invitations by HOK ED LUGHES, wealthy airplane enthusiast, and keeps in touch with former Los Angeles Chief of Police [REDACTED] Siegel is reported to sponsor the activities of MICKEY COHEN, but he is not actively associated with Cohen.

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**FILE NO.** 62-75147-44-54

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - Mr. Rosen  
Mr. McCabe  
Mr. O'Grady

MARCH 13, 1946

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to SAC, SALT LAKE CITY  
VICE CONDITIONS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, RESEARCH MATTER.

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[REDACTED] IS EXPECTED TO MAKE FLYING TRIP TO LAS VEGAS IN NEAR  
FUTURE WITH HOWARD ~~FUGES~~. LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN ADVISED OF BUREAU'S DESIRE  
TO ESTABLISH ALLEGED INTEREST OF RACKETEERS, PARTICULARLY QUOTE BUGSY UNQUOTE  
~~SIEGEL~~, IN GAMBLING AND RACKETED WINE SERVICE IN LAS VEGAS. LOS ANGELES HAS  
REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF ENLISTING [REDACTED] ASSISTANCE.  
EXPEDITE ANSWERS TO ANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM LOS ANGELES IN THIS REGARD.

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**SUBJECT** Howard Robard Hughes

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 16, 1951

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE *De*SUBJECT: GENERAL CRIME SURVEY  
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
JANUARY 15, 1951

There are being furnished herewith three copies of the General Crime Survey for the Washington Field Division, dated January 15, 1951.

Copies of this survey are also being furnished the New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Richmond and Baltimore Divisions.

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ENCLOSURE

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In accordance with instructions in SAC letter No. 67, dated September 15, 1950, the Crime Survey Report set out herein is being submitted on a semi-annual basis. This survey contains information to supplement previous surveys and is not intended to present the overall activities of the individual criminal element in the District of Columbia.

### A. ORGANIZED GANGS

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There appears to be some organization among numbers writers in the District of Columbia and a recent flare-up has occurred in connection with this situation. This involves the shooting of GEORGE HARDING by JOSEPH NESLINE on the morning of January 10, 1951. NESLINE and HARDING formerly were very close associates in their gambling enterprises.

In connection with the gambling element, there seems to be some collaboration and cooperation among the gamblers in the District. In connection with this situation, the DAVIS Sub-Committee of Congress recently released its reports and intimated that the police were giving immunity to many of these individuals.

## B. INDIVIDUAL RACKETEERS AND MOBSTERS

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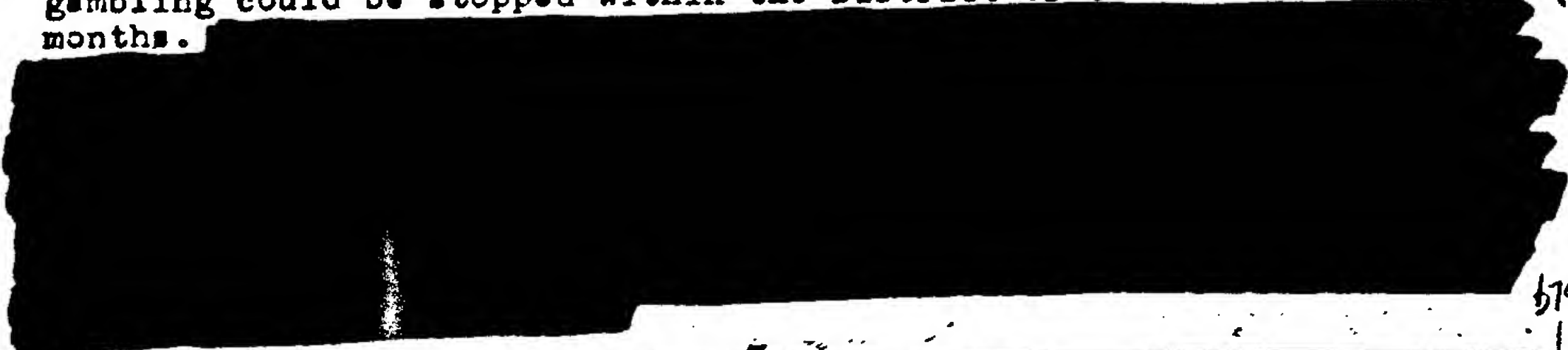
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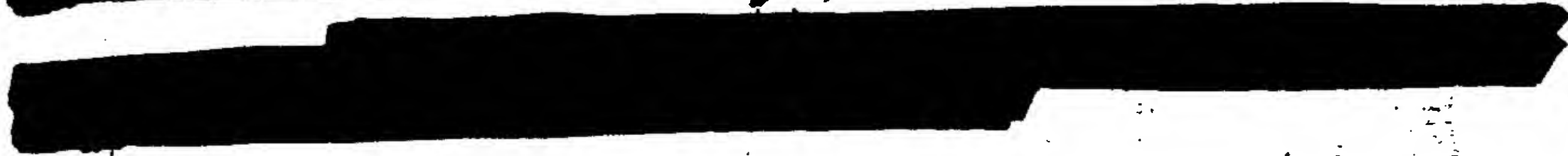


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In connection with the above situation, there has recently and since the release of the DAVIS Sub-Committee report, been a comment by the Assistant U. S. Attorney WARREN WILSON to the end that if he were given sixty men he could guarantee that all commercialized gambling could be stopped within the District of Columbia within six months.



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Further, in connection with the political tie-ups with racketeering people in the District of Columbia and other criminals, it is pointed out there have been fewer arrests in the recent past of gamblers and this has been particularly noted by [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] has been placed in charge of one of [REDACTED] b7c

#### D. POLICE EFFICIENCY

The general efficiency of the Metropolitan Police Department in the District of Columbia is considered to be quite good. The DAVIS Sub-Committee has made some comments concerning the amount of brutal crimes in the District of Columbia but has attributed this in part to the light sentences given by the Judges and the easy parole which has been afforded in the District of Columbia. The Homicide Squad in particular in the District of Columbia has been exceptionally successful in the solving of homicides over the past several years. [REDACTED] b7d

The Police Department has recently been empowered by law to go on a five-day week. Due to the present war situation, many of its force are being taken into the Armed Forces and there is some doubt at the present time as to whether the Department will be able to go on a five-day week. There is presently a move being made to keep the men on a six-day week and pay them for the extra day.

In connection with a recent bank robbery case in the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Police Department afforded excellent cooperation with the Washington Field Office of the FBI and through the concerted efforts of the two organizations the case was solved.

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### E. POLICE TIE-UPS WITH ORGANIZED CRIME

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F. INFORMANTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION COVERAGE

[REDACTED]

G. GAMBLING, WIRE SERVICE AND GAMBLING DEVICES

There has been no noticeable change in the District of Columbia area with regard to the gambling set-up. There continues to be infrequent arrests of numbers writers but the operators of the numbers group have been handling their activities in such a manner that the police claim to be hampered due to the peculiar District laws in making an arrest. There are no known slot machine distributors who maintain headquarters in the District of Columbia and upon the occasion of the recent slot machine legislation in Congress which was signed by the President, the service clubs and officers clubs in the District of Columbia area obtained considerable publicity when they destroyed machines which were in their clubs.

In connection with the numbers racket, [REDACTED]

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Further, in connection with the numbers operation in the District of Columbia is information furnished by [REDACTED]

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WIRE SERVICE

In regard to wire service, there still continues to be no indication any direct wire service to the District of Columbia in connection with gambling. The radio stations and some television stations continue to broadcast racing information during the time the races are being run. As far as gamblers themselves are concerned, a majority of them use telephones for their lay-off bets and receive bets from known customers by telephone.



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OPERATORS

There have been no new operators reportedly handling numbers or other gambling in the District of Columbia. One operator has been removed from circulation, namely [REDACTED]

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H. CRIMINAL CONTROL OF UNIONS

There has never been developed since the inception of this survey any information which would indicate that any criminal group or racketeering element has ever gained control of District of Columbia unions. In regard to the building trades, there has recently been developed information that the Communist Party was making and had partially succeeded in its efforts to gain control of some of the lesser unions.

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